GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1341
ANSWERED ON:27.11.2002
HIGHER PRICES OF STATIONERY ITEMS IN KENDRIYA BHANDAR
SHEESH RAM SINGH RAVI

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether stationery items, computers, furniture, photocopiers, refrigerators, fax machines etc. are being sold at much higher prices than the manufacturers and open market by Kendriya Bhandar;

(b) the rates at which Kendriya Bhandar sell the above items and the manufacturers` rates and the rates prevailing in the open market;

(c) whether despite a decision of the Department of Expenditure to follow the provisions of GFRs in the purchases, DOP&T is not reviewing its OMs; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND M OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE. (SMT.VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a): While registering suppliers, Kendriya Bhandar has been obtaining an undertaking from the suppliers that the rates quoted to Kendriya Bhandar are the lowest and that they will not quote rates lower than the rates offered to Kendriya Bhandar to any other Department/Organization.

(b): Kendriya Bhandar has been selling the items at the rates which comprise of cost price plus sales tax chargeable and a nominal margin of Kendriya Bhandar to meet its overhead expenses.

(c)&(d): The provisions of OM dated 14.7.1981 are under review. Review involves inter ministerial consultations.